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These efforts have shown Palestinians that they are not alone, but it is not enough. And so we end where we must. We will never forget al-Ahli Hospital and all who sought protection there. We will not forget the injured and disabled, the journalists, our men and fighters, and those who have been given new tents to rest their bodies. We will never forget Wadea al-Fayoume, six years old. We will not forget and we will not forgive those who did this, those who have cheered on the dehumanization and murder of Arabs and Muslims. Our vigils cannot contain the pain of this world. But they can transmit a fundamental truth: that their bombs and their lies cannot break those who tend to the flowers.

—Palestinian Youth Movement

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protests and neighborhood canvasses, lead strikes and walkouts. When you strike, say why you are striking. Demand a ceasefire, demand an end to the siege and genocidal violence against Palestinians, and an end to Zionism—no more money, no more cover. Join us on November 4, as we come together from every city and town and march on Washington D.C., in a mass show of popular support for the Palestinian people. Most of all, protect the youth, who will lead the way.

What we have witnessed in these two weeks is an illumination of terrain; contingent solidarities have been left in the dust, unable to meet the moment. Instead, principled action has ruled the day, the energy of the young bubbling over and blooming. Hundreds of businesses have gone on strike in Germany, Elbit arms factories have been accosted, unions in South Africa have re-committed to boycott, cultural institutions have divested, tens of thousands have taken Chicago, hundreds of thousands in London. There is no time to be afraid. The cops, the bosses, the administrators, the "men of letters"—all those who have made careers off us, who profit from our dehumanization and perfect victimhood—have unsurprisingly struck a plaintive tone, half-heartedly crying for a return to their own normalcy. They will curse us, fire us, defame us, arrest us, attack our livelihood—but we are much stronger than they are, and we will take care of us. We have the force of a movement, our cause is just and true, and we must fight, not in spite of our resistance, but because of it.

GAZA is the story of the Palestinian people. It is a story of displacement and refugeehood, of imprisonment at the hands of a foreign occupier. But, most importantly, it is a story of *sumud* (steadfastness) and resistance: resistance that is driven by a love for one's people, a love for one's homeland, and a love for life and freedom. Now and onwards, you must not allow your friends and comrades to turn their backs on the Palestinian liberation struggle. You must not allow them to falter in the face of the events of this week, or to devolve into insipid both-sideism or pragmatic armchair generalismo, or to publish cowardly denunciations that do nothing more than provide a left cover for an impending genocide on the people of Gaza. Most importantly, you must not allow them to lose sight of why the oppressed people resist; that it is not only understandable, not only an occupied people's right, but also just and true. We hope this bulletin will help guide what principled solidarity can look like right now within the imperial core, and arm those in solidarity with us with tools to resist the military-industrial complex that is hellbent on our people's extermination.

Your priority must be communicating a set of realities clearly and unequivocally. 2.4 million Palestinians are currently being held hostage by Zionists, who are martyring thousands with genocidal impunity. All the crossings are closed. The Zionists are indiscriminately using bombs and internationally-prohibited weapons on a densely populated concentration camp full of entrapped civilians. There is no water or electricity. Mass arrests of Palestinians across all of historic Palestine add to the hundreds of administrative detainees imprisoned without charge, who are now suffering additional retribution by the colonial regime. Gazan hospitals—which are already graveyards—are themselves being targeted, and at least thirteen have already been hit. Seven confirmed members of the press have been martyred, and news stations are regularly being cut due to

the lack of electricity. Ambulances and the Red Crescent are also being deliberately targeted. Universities and mosques have been destroyed. Entire families are being wiped out—at least forty-five entire families that we have seen reported. And this is just a small sampling of what is happening in Gaza right now, owing to a reporting blackout, which is being aided and abetted by the genocidal Western media machine.

All this being said, we do not want to use abstractions to discuss Gaza: every story is one of violence and resistance and beautiful, ordinary life. But to do them proper justice, you'd have to give us a lifetime. What we can say with certainty is that the Palestinian people are unbowed. No amount of collective punishment by the Zionist entity will bend or break the will of our people to live in dignity. We know why Gaza is being targeted: because it is the heart of our resistance. And that resistance is both a strategic and moral necessity to the ordering violences of the Zionist system from river to sea, which seeks the extermination of the Palestinian people. We therefore maintain what the rest of our Palestinian sisters and brothers maintain: we will continue to fight, and we will win.

The foremost demand to anyone inside the West, inside the imperial core, is to oppose the genocidal drumbeat waged by Zionist and Western leaders alike. The Palestinian people of Gaza have asked for the bombing campaign to stop, the blockade to end once and for all, and for humanitarian aid to enter. But also and more broadly, what we are asking those who wish to be in solidarity within the West is threefold. First, struggle through organizations and your workplaces and your communities and in the streets to demand an end to both the current genocidal campaign and for an end to the entire system of settler colonialism that has strangled Palestine for the last century. Second, go on the offensive: demand sanctions against Zionism; no more weapons, no more money, no more cultural or

Not enough. If anything captures the work of the second week, it is this. More than a quarter of the homes in Gaza have been leveled by the genocidal Zionist regime and its imperial backers. Schools and mosques, hospitals and bakeries—all have been targeted by Zionism's cowardly acts of collective punishment from the sky. Gaza's entire health system has collapsed. Their intention is to break a spirit of resistance that cannot be broken; six wars have not been object lesson enough for them. At the time of writing, the Zionists have murdered 2,055 Palestinian children, more children in the last two weeks than in the last twenty-three years combined.

The immensity of our grief, our fury, is enough to rip the entire world open. This week, the Palestinian and Arab people have risen up in beautiful insurgency: hundreds of thousands in Yemen, in Lebanon, in Iraq, galvanized by images of Tahrir Square aflood once more; of embassies struck by Molotovs. In the occupied lands, Palestinians have confronted the Zionist armies in Tubas and Beit Furik and Qalqilya and Huwara and Kafr Qaddum and Silwan. This all has exacerbated the contradictions in the Zionist entity: desperate and straining, it has doubled its population of Palestinian prisoners, abducting hundreds from their homes and holding day laborers from Gaza hostage in secret prison camps. The handmaidens of Western imperialism have followed suit, casting their own global dragnet across institutions of social and political life, attempting to ensnare all who defend and give force to the Palestinian idea.

The people of Gaza have shown us courage; we must be courageous now too. To the workers of the world and the unions that they lead: refuse to build or transport weapons destined for the Zionist entity. Take actions against complicit companies, end all material and social ties between your institutions and theirs. Organize sit-ins and direct actions, participate in mass

$100 billion American dollars, American aircraft carriers, American bunker bombers and American white phosphorus—they transfer their military surplus from one coffer to the next, our people's murder just another column in the global balance of payments. They survey the wreckage and tell the world that they are loved. Joe Biden takes to the airwaves to talk of beacons and democracy, the mouthpiece of capital speaking straight to its mercenaries. For the rest, this is the indispensable conjuncture, a confrontation with the hellfire vision of all that is to come. They will train their algorithms, polish their warheads, clear their throats, unless we show them what world-historical refusal looks like.

There are seedlings. On Friday morning, a student at a San Francisco high school awoke in her bed. She wrote a note, she called her friends, she asked them to join her in a school walkout to support Palestine. There, she taught them about the Palestinian cause, the struggle which had animated her grandparents and great-grandparents before they were dispossessed to America; and she watched the embers catch, enflaming the spirit of the group. They stormed the hallways, took to the streets, justice never left their lips. They were joined by high schools in Philadelphia, in Queens, and, soon, by thousands of students across dozens of colleges set to take part in the national student walkout tomorrow, October 25. Their demands are unequivocal: a ceasefire, an end to the Zionist siege of Gaza, and an end to their institutions' complicity.

In response, the apparatchiks and planners have scrambled. Nothing terrifies them more than the possibility that the commodified pieces of their ideological chess game might stand firm; that they can blast students with millions in defamation league dollars, blanket their classrooms with bankrupt curricula, and drown their teachers in anti-boycott mandates, and still it will not be enough.

institutional cover. We want the total anti-normalization of a Zionism that has once again shown its face to the world. Finally, understand Palestinian resistance as fundamentally just and as a means of survival for our people; it will not stop in the weeks and months to come, and you must be prepared not to waver again.

The Western governmental response has been military and economic carte blanche and material support. These nations have withdrawn much of their foreign aid to the Palestinian people at a moment of utter crisis; leaked documents suggest that the US State Department has instructed its bureaucrats to avoid issuing calls for de-escalation or ceasefire. Secretary Blinken visiting the Philadelphia-born prime minister of the Zionist entity while he is initiating genocide of Palestinians is an affirmation of total US government support and a guarantee of intelligence and military resources to be placed at the Zionists' disposal. EU leaders, too, have embraced the death merchants of the "Second Nakba" in a lurid display of global settler phantasmagoria. Students and activists are being rounded up from the streets and campuses for their brave defenses of the Palestinian resistance. Germany is leading mass arrest campaigns and seeking to ban the Palestinian prisoners' movement from their country; England and France are seeking to ban symbols and expressions of Palestinian solidarity. Your voices and your bodies are needed now.

The media gives cover to all this: they render us savage and killable. The world is watching your programs and statements and essays, and will remember your complicity, just as it did with Iraq. We demand local and national news outlets commit to honest reporting on Gaza that does not include racism and effacement designed to manufacture consent for genocide, but also, we do not hold our breaths.

Palestinians and Arabs have long understood that Zionism and Western imperialism to be intimately intertwined. At their base, the two ideologies fundamentally seek the same things: the extraction of Arab land and labor, the elimination of a Palestinian population, and the blanket of an imperial military and economic system that subjugates the world's oppressed. The violent colonial response we are witnessing is therefore neither surprising nor random. Rather, it is the "rational," ordered response of a system governed by counterrevolutionary and anti-Communist logic.

The bitter irony is also not lost on us, that some have chosen to speak now after decades of silence. Where were they when Gaza was put under air, land, and water siege sixteen years ago, entrapping a population of two million people, half of them children? Where were they when the Zionists implemented calorie controls to spread malnutrition and disability? Where were they when Zionist leaders told the world decades ago that their intention with Gaza was to extract maximum pain on a civilian population, to once again ethnically cleanse a people who were stripped of their lands and homes seventy-five years ago, and who now comprise the heart of Palestinian resistance? This week, these peoples' mask has come off—such are the realities of revolution. For those who are willing and ready, we have a keffiyeh to offer in its place.

Some rest in hallways, others under the rubble. Some have names on their wrists to identify them, others had no such luxury. Some succumb to their wounds, all to Western avarice. The health centers have gone dark, but still our people toil in the rubble, saving and healing and praying and carrying. An index finger points skywards. We do not know all of their names, we cannot. But we will try, we will scream them out at the top of our lungs until this American war ends.